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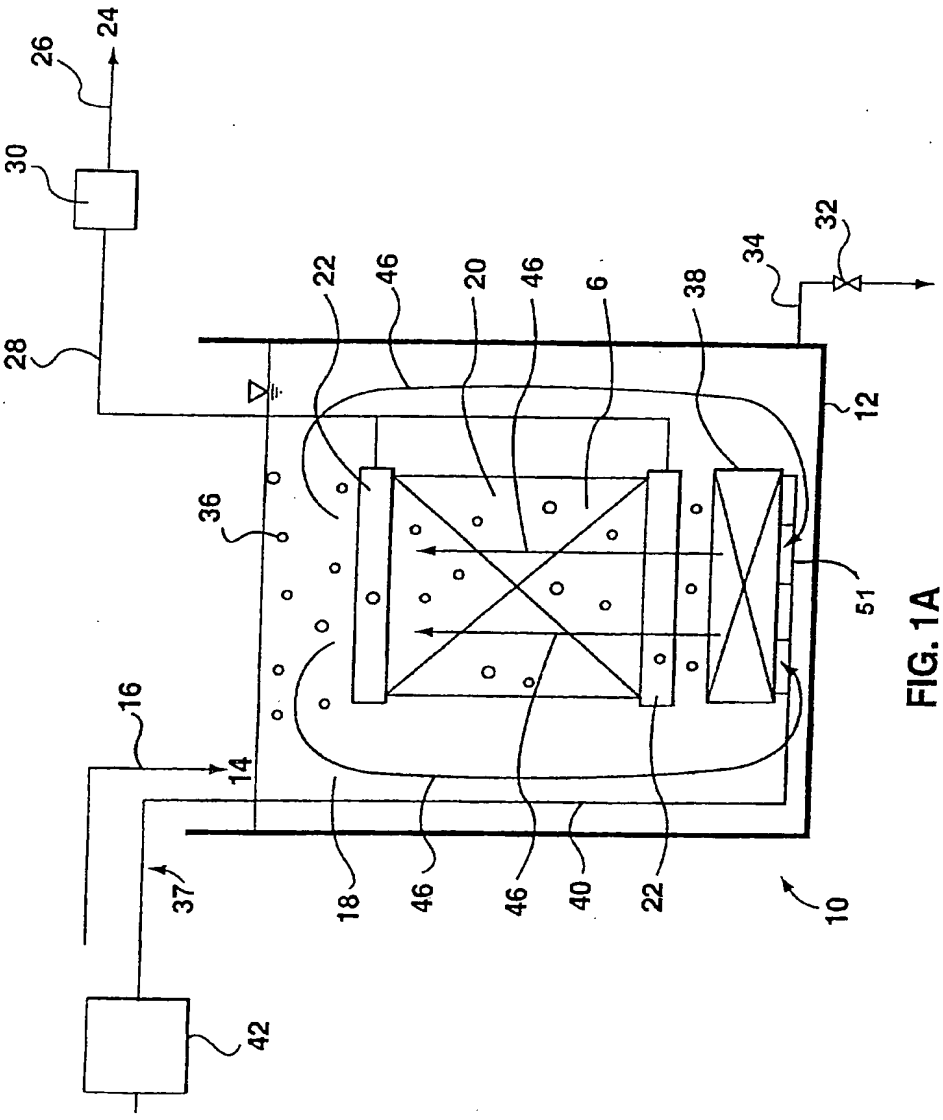

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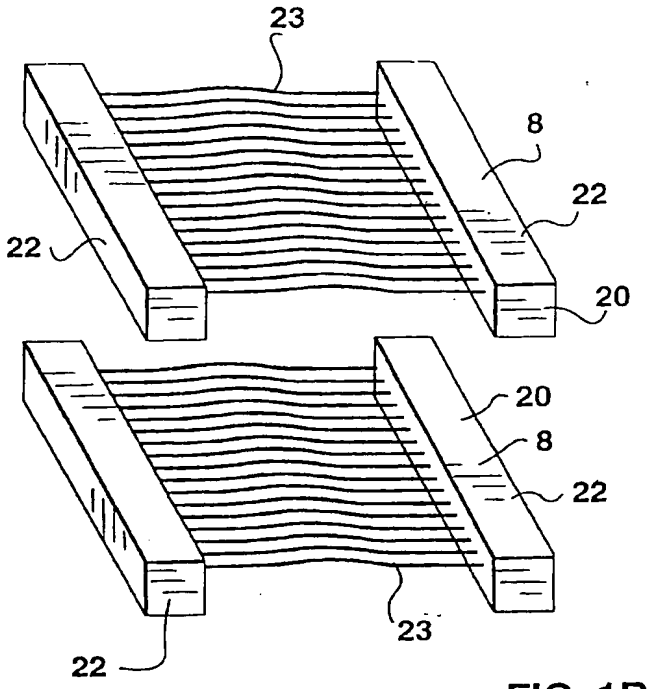

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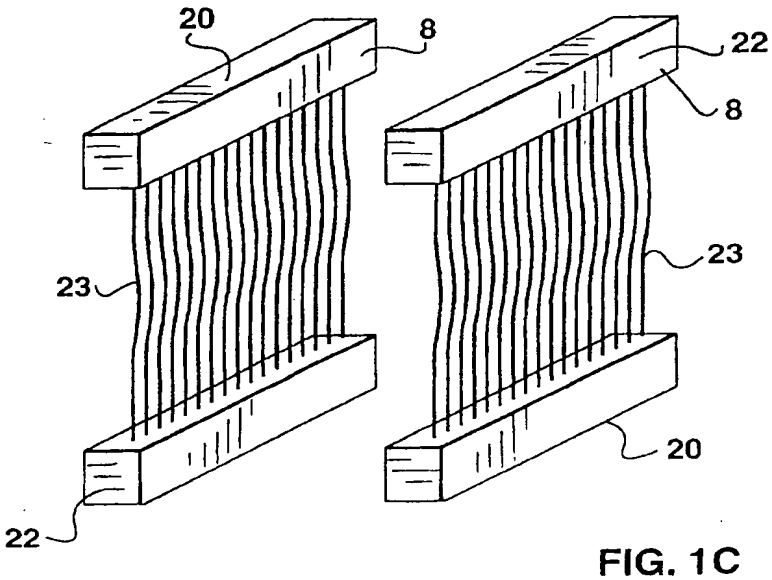

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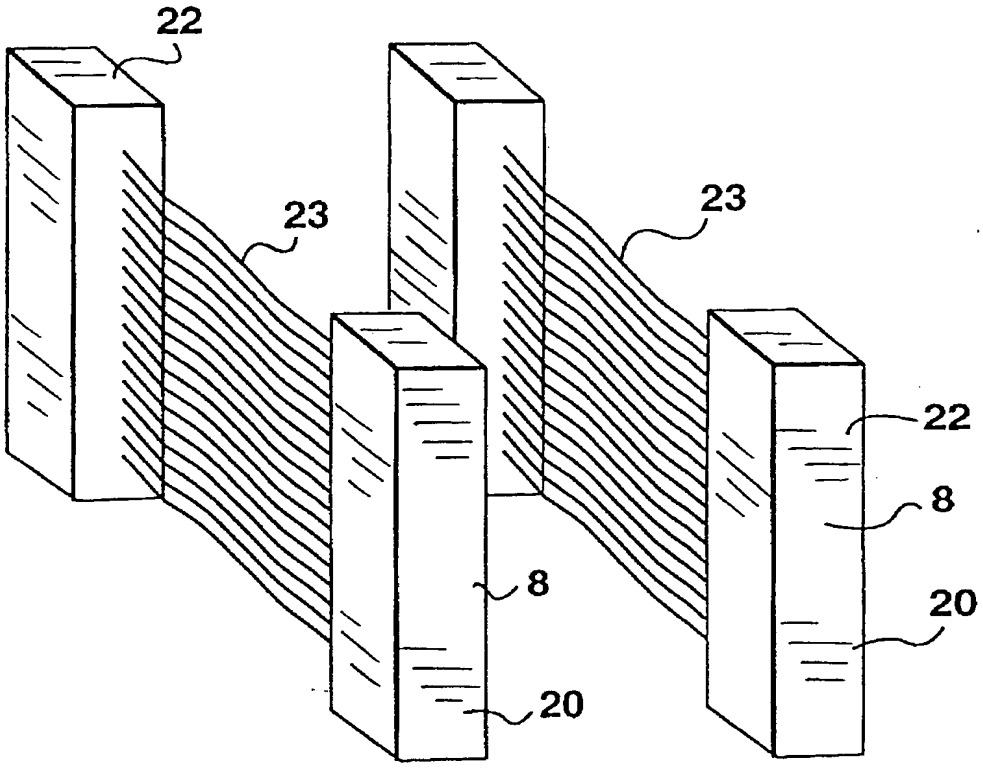

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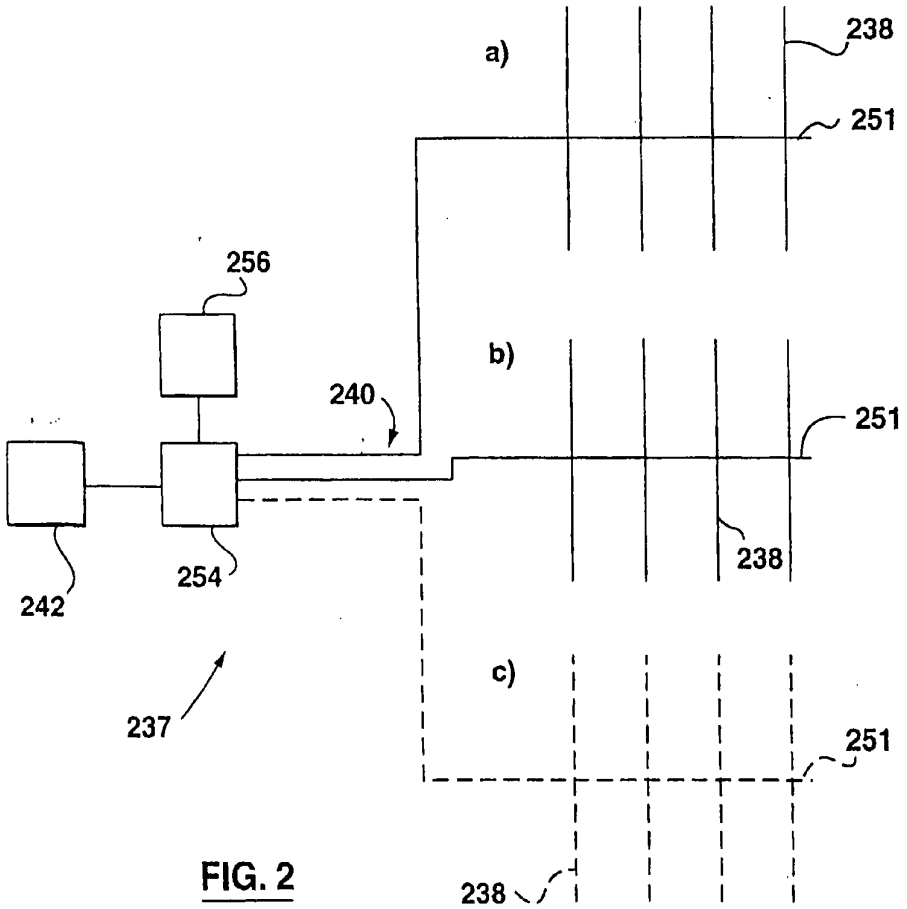
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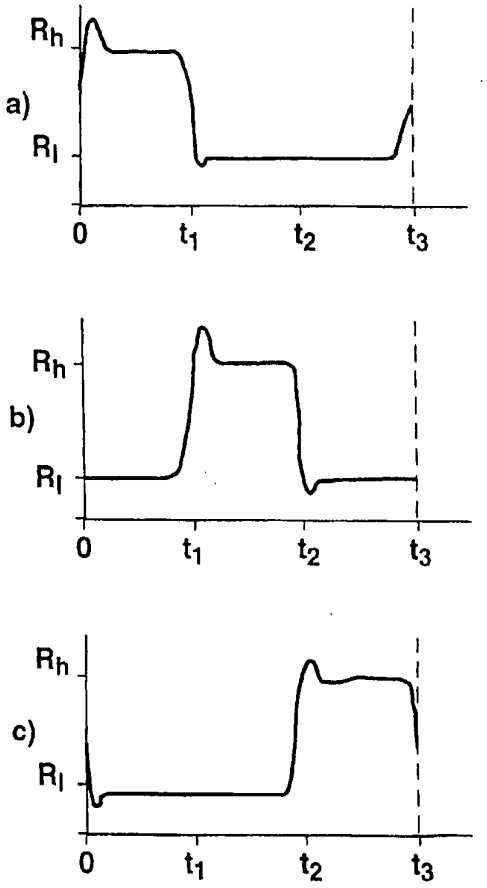
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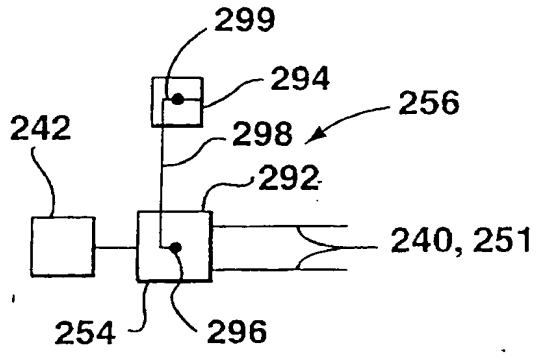
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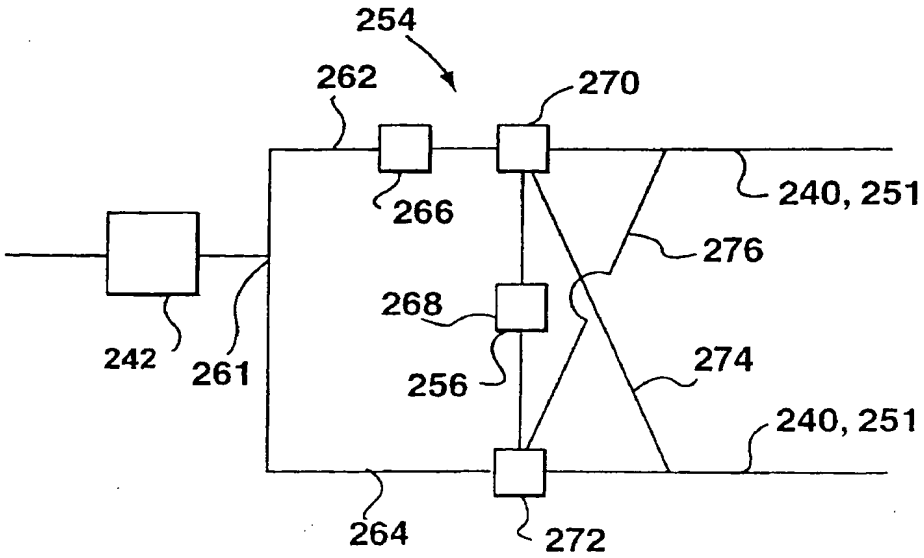
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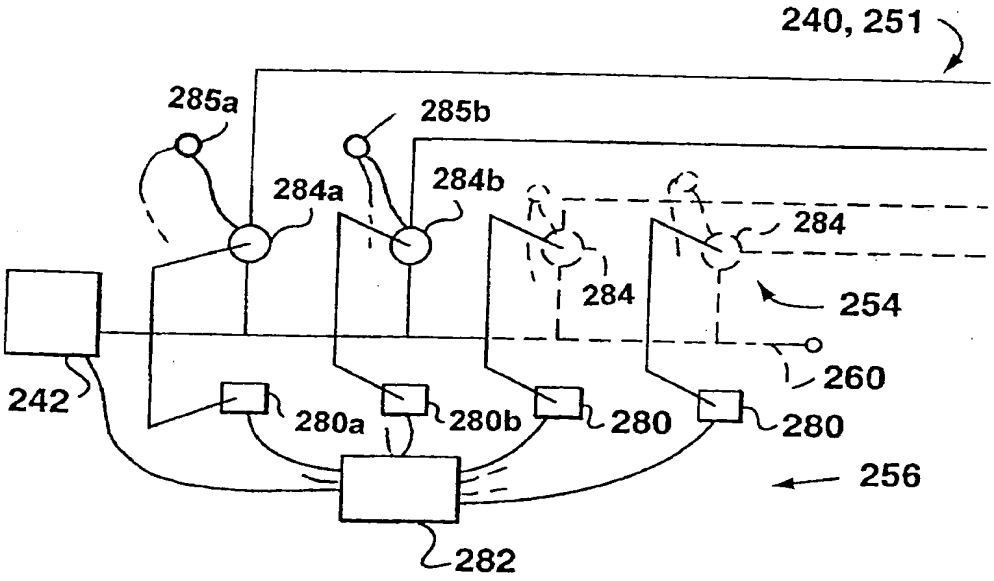
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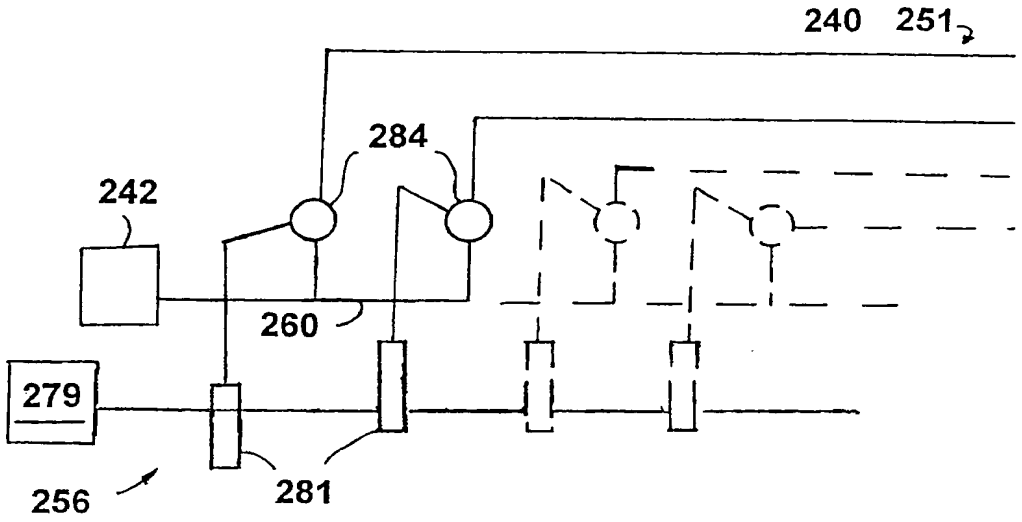

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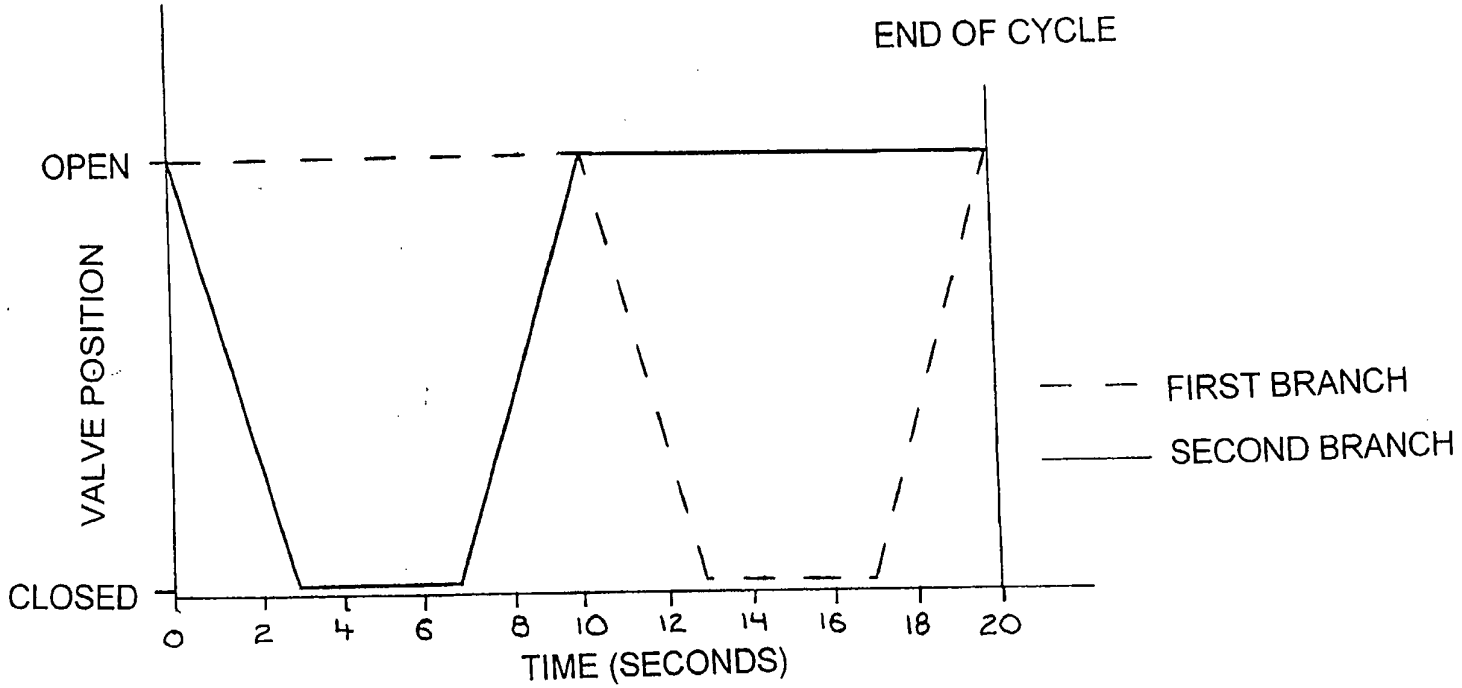
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TIME (SECONDS)
FIRST BRANCH
SECOND BRANCH

FIGURE 4E

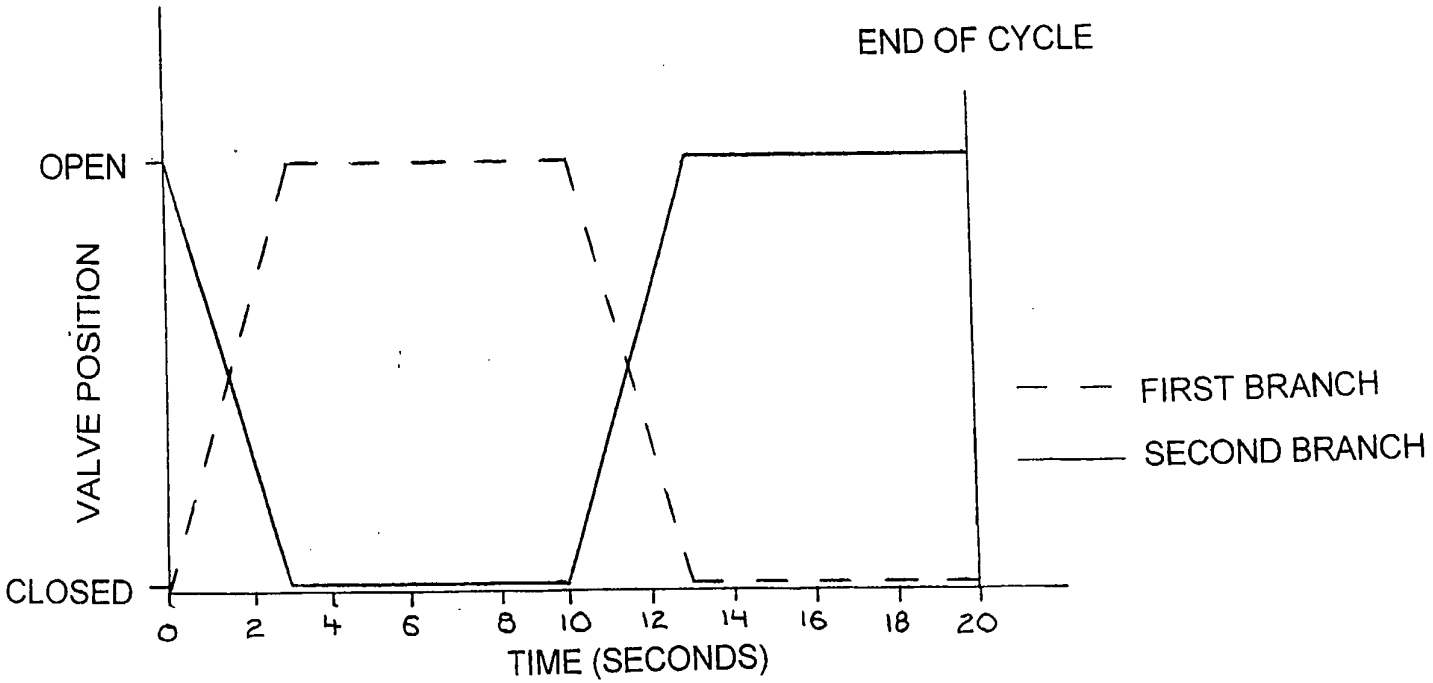
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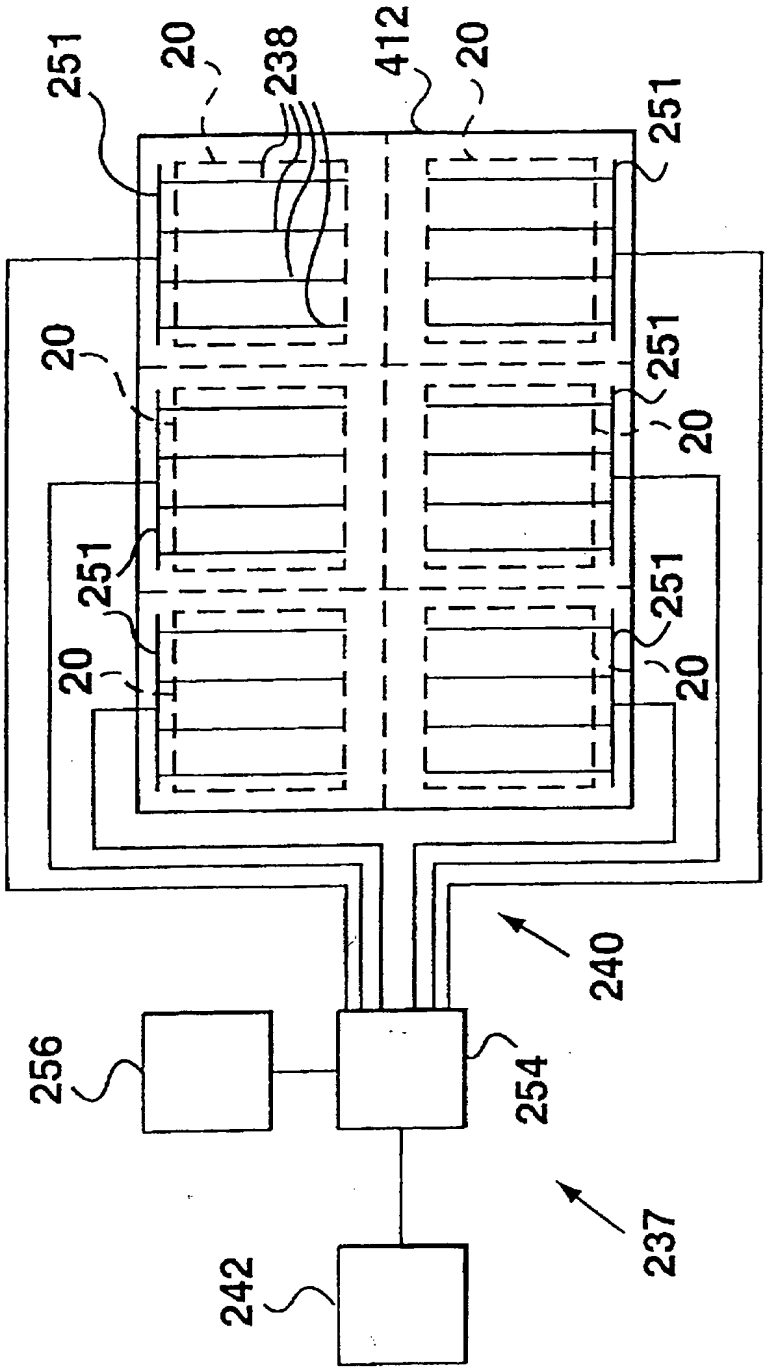
FIGURE 4F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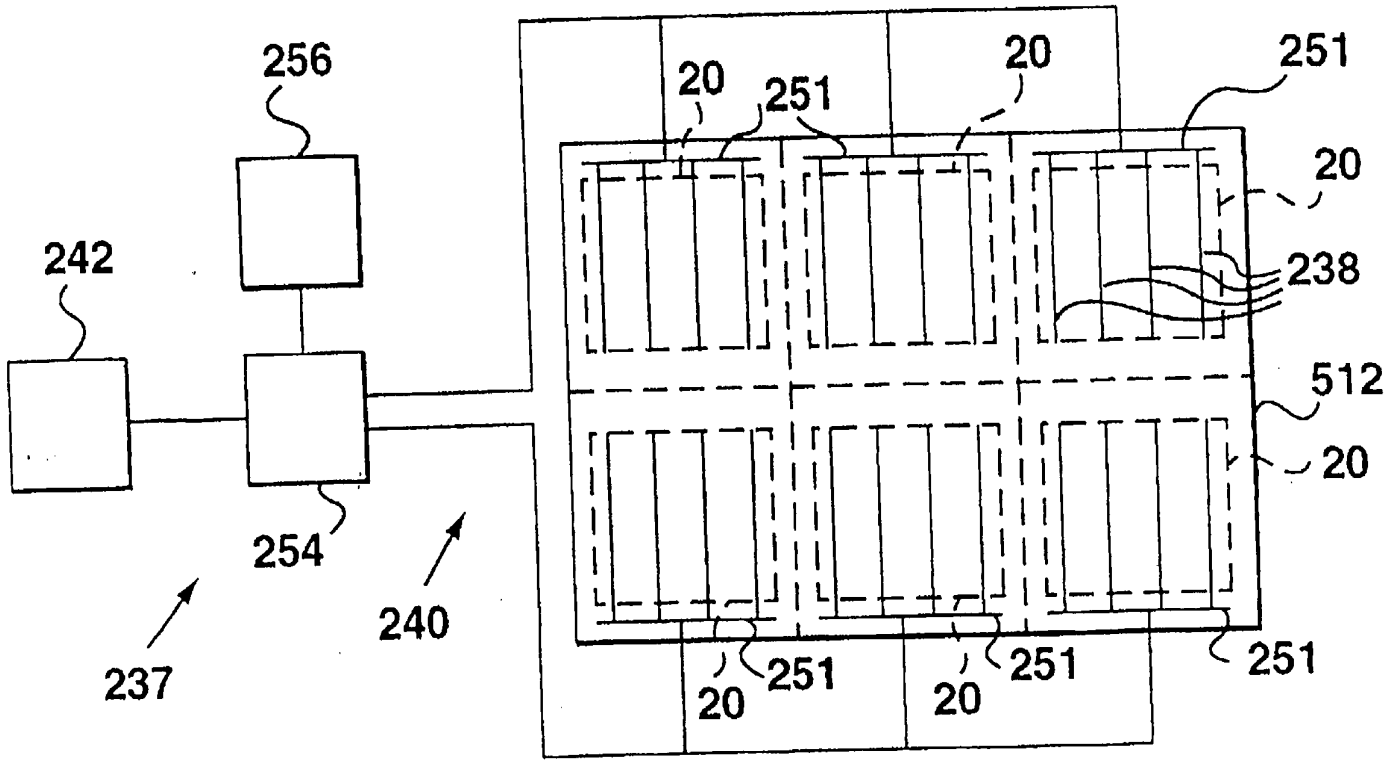
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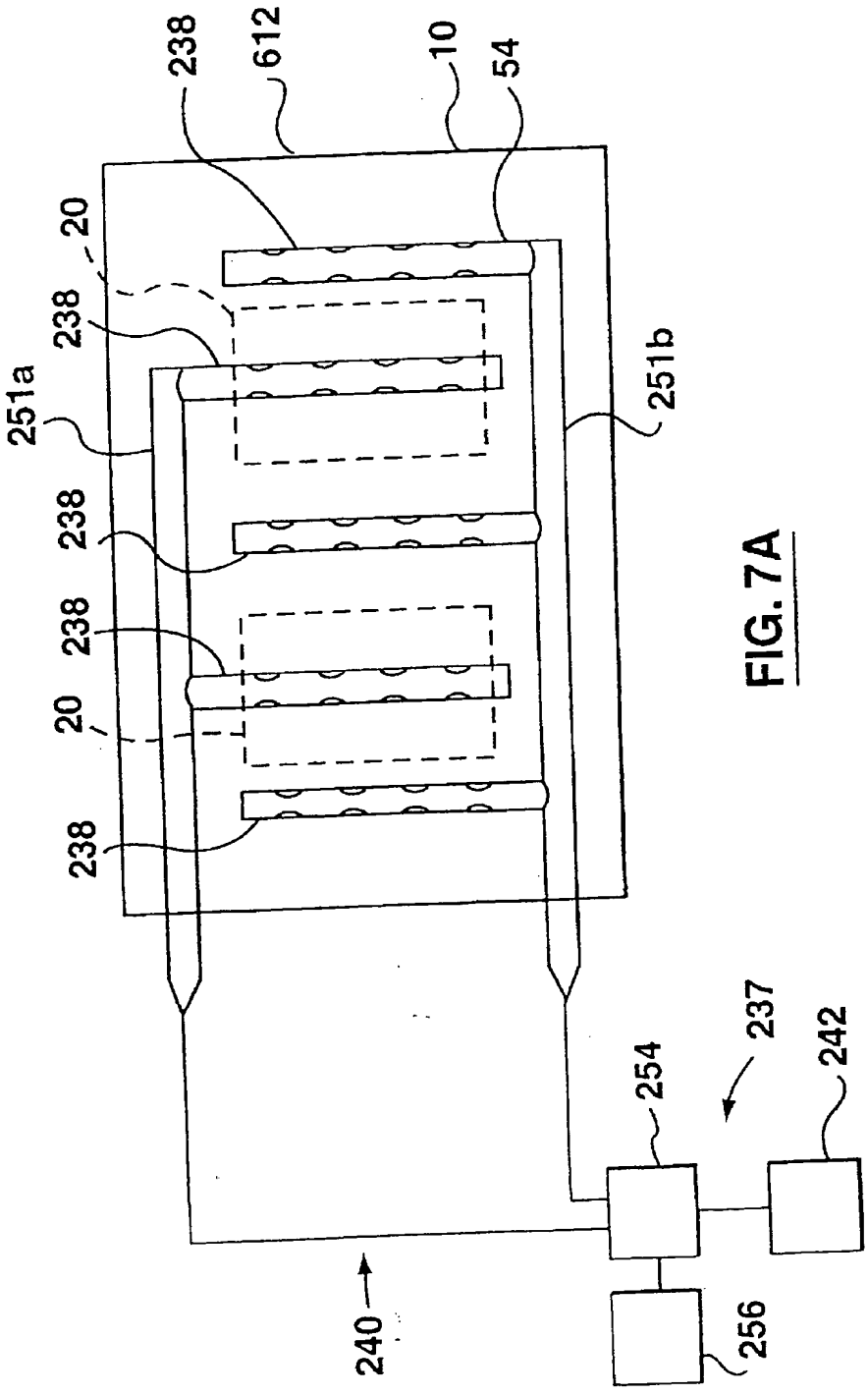
FIG. 6



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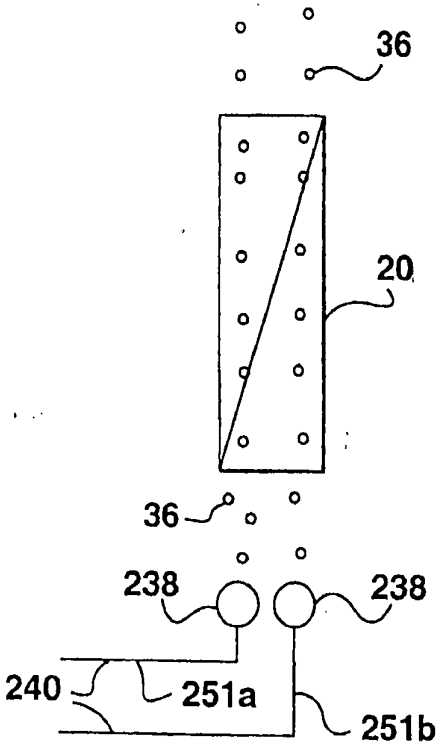

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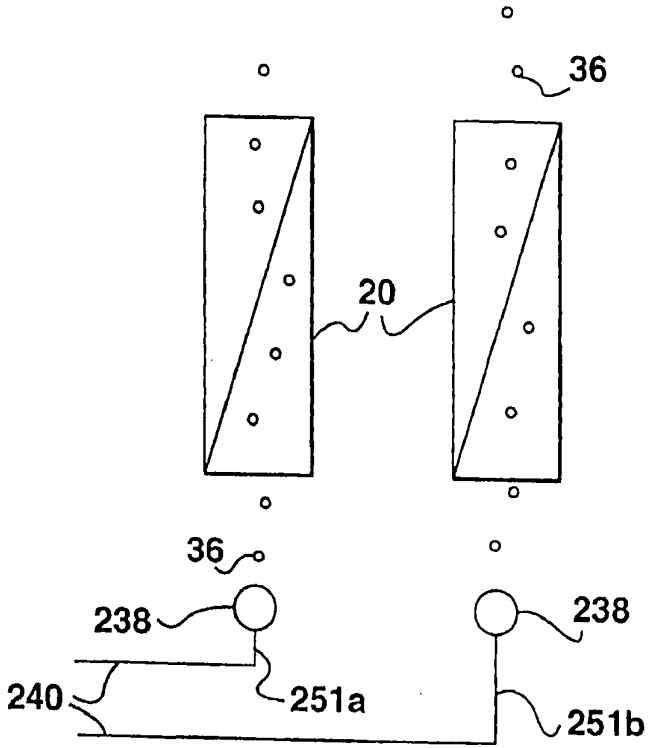

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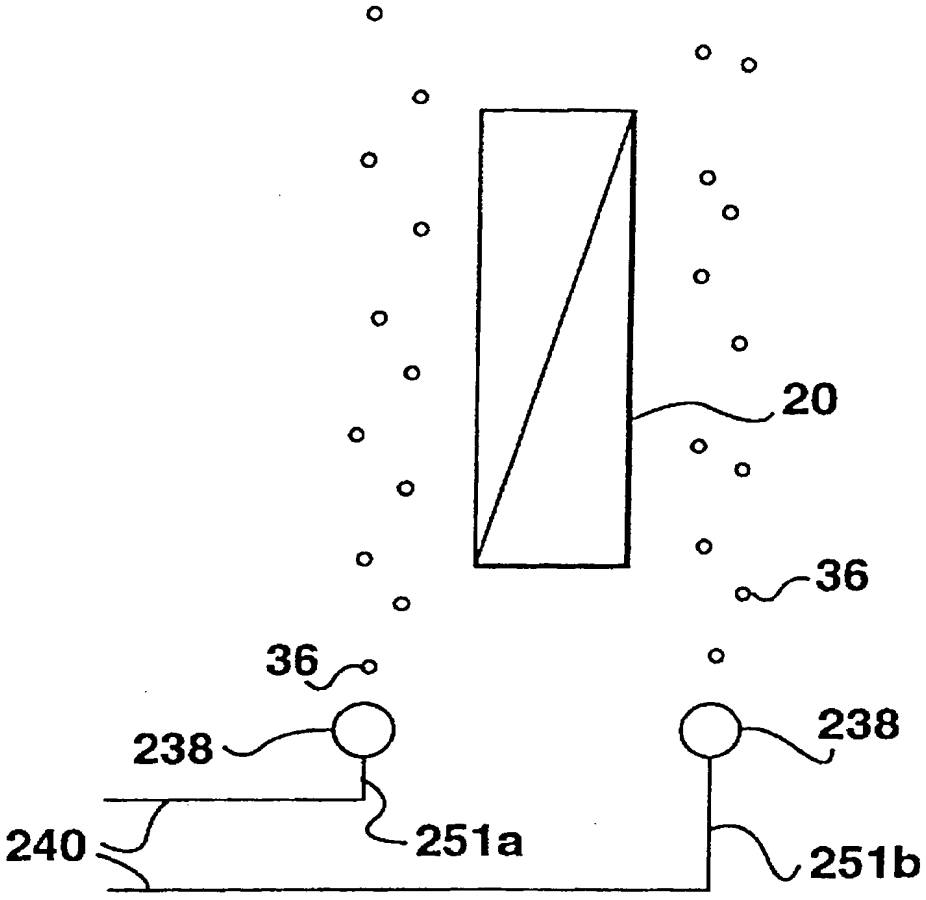

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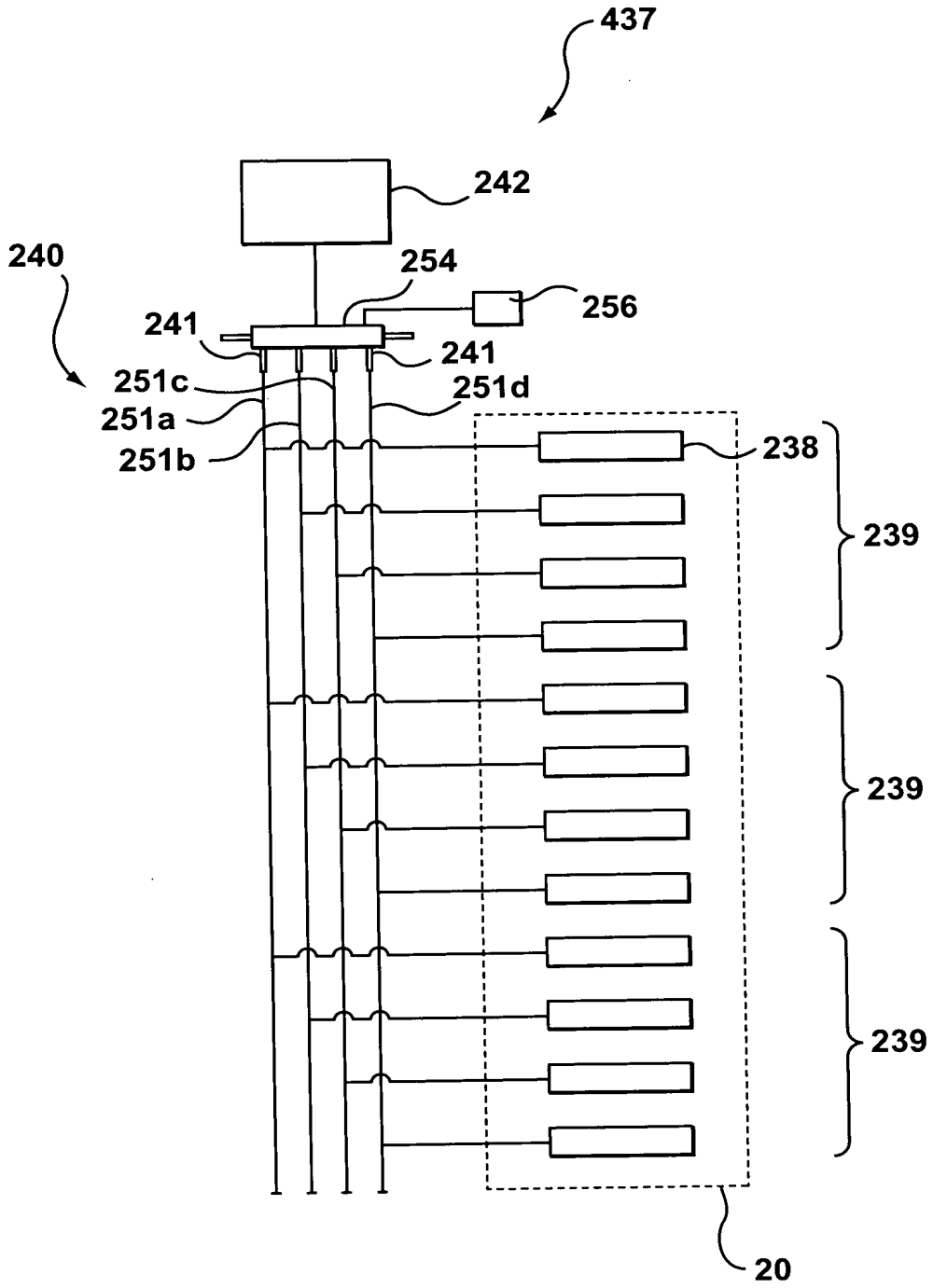
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FIG. 7E

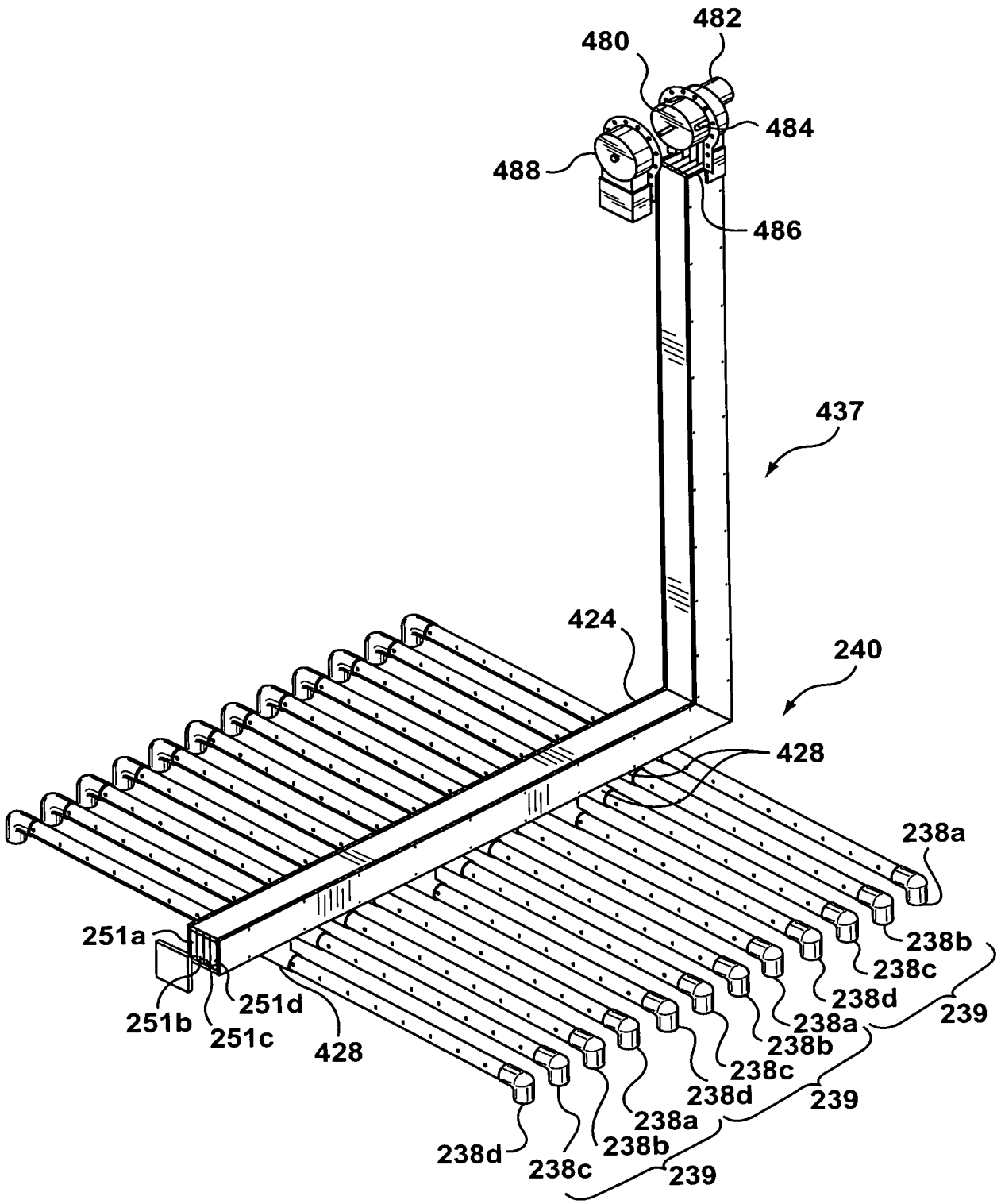
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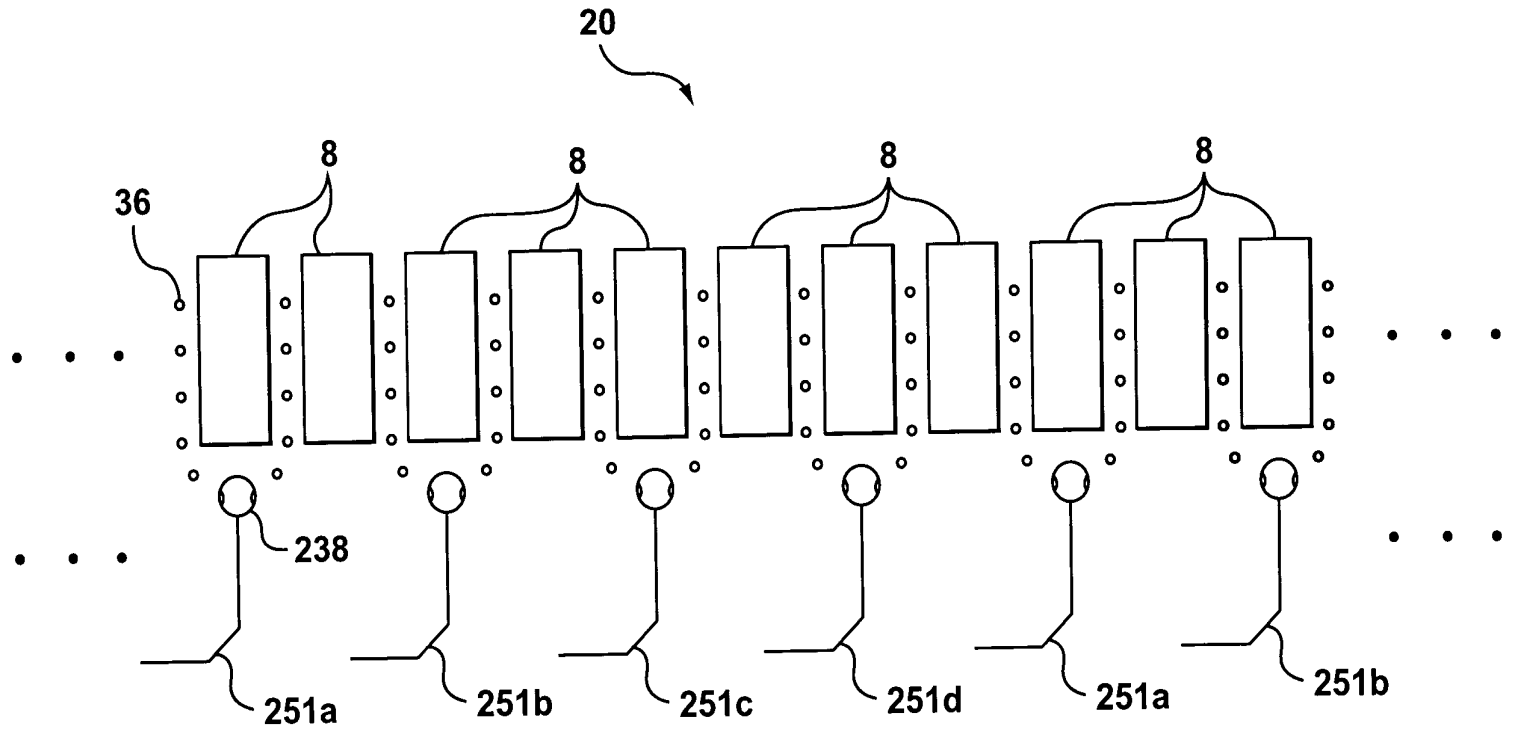
FIG. 7F



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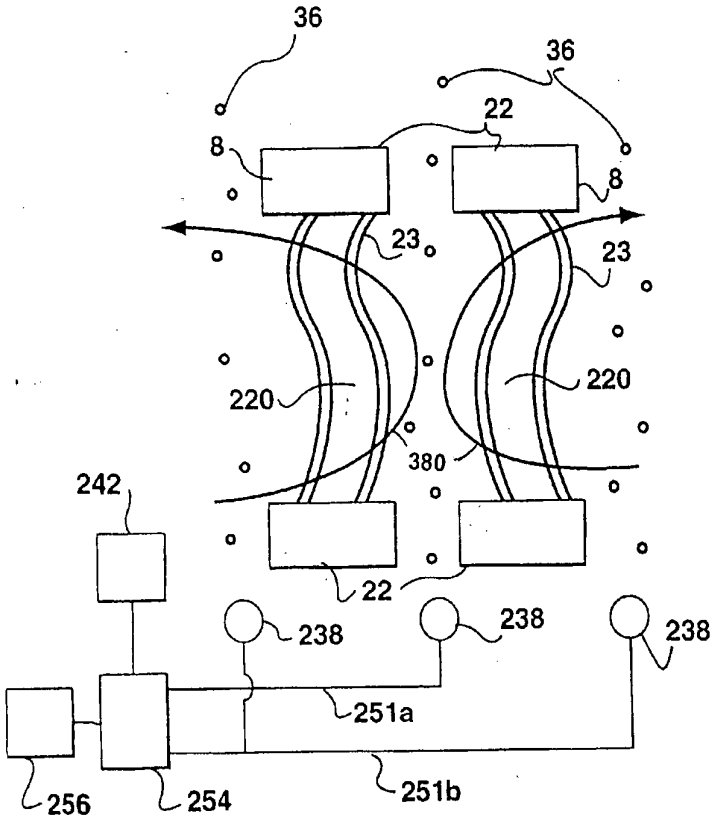
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FIG. 8A

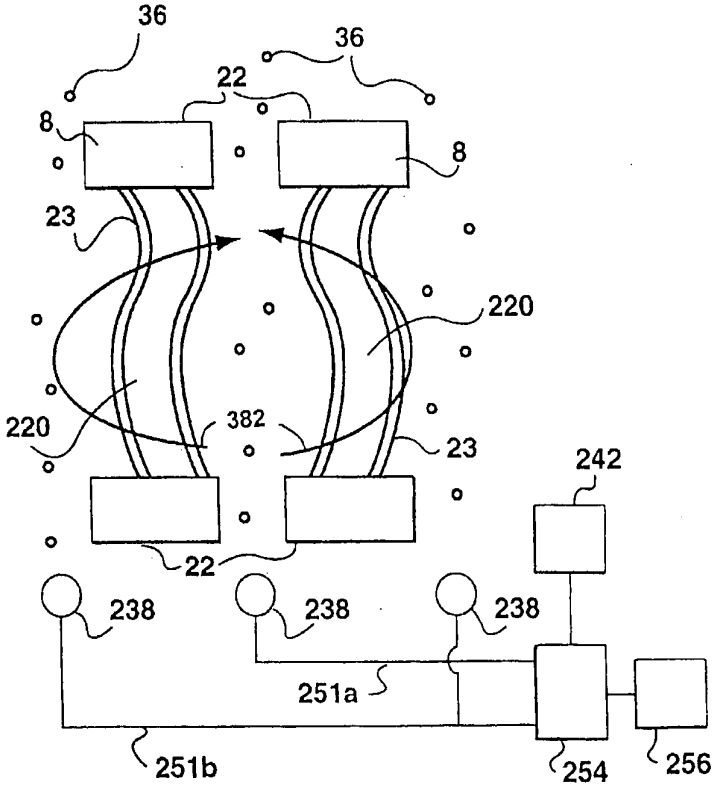
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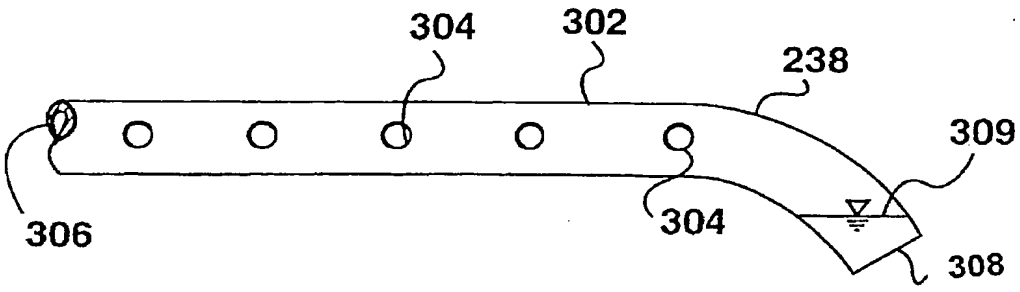
FIG. 8B



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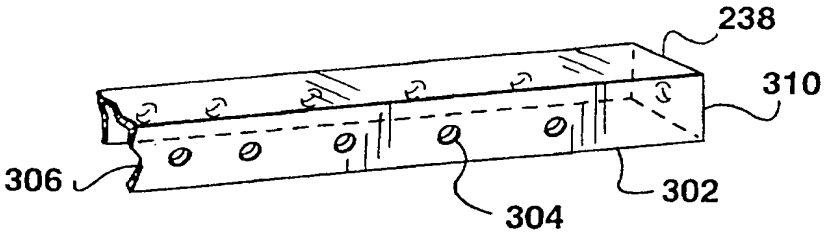

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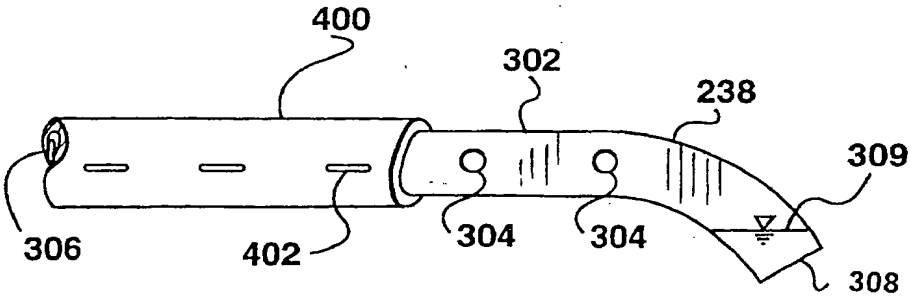

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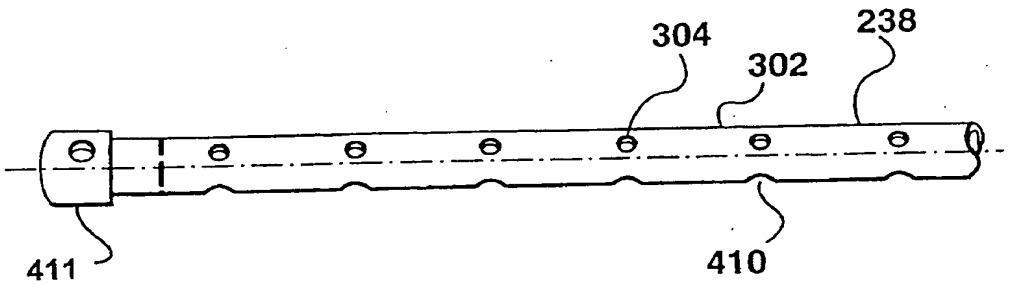

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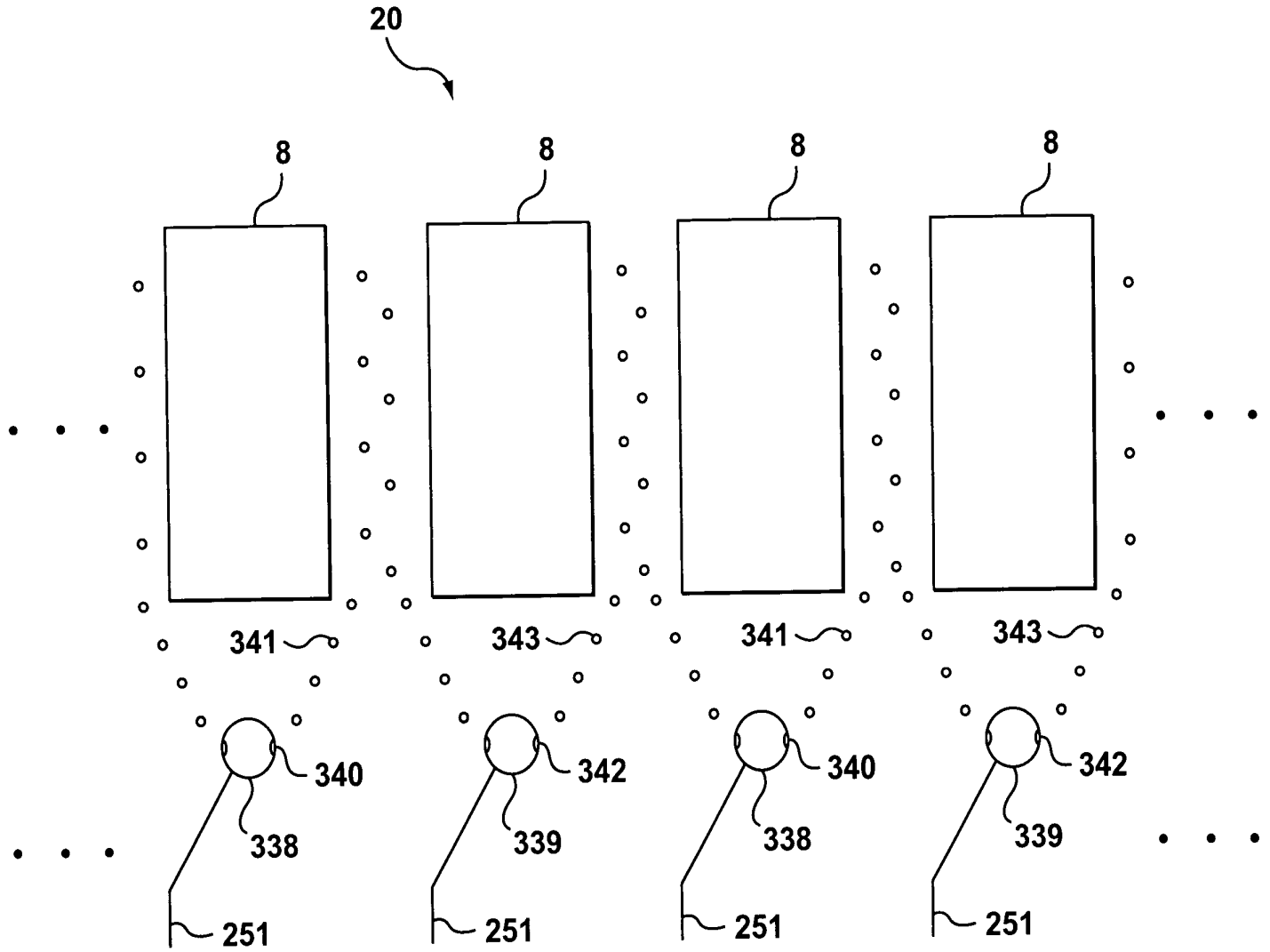
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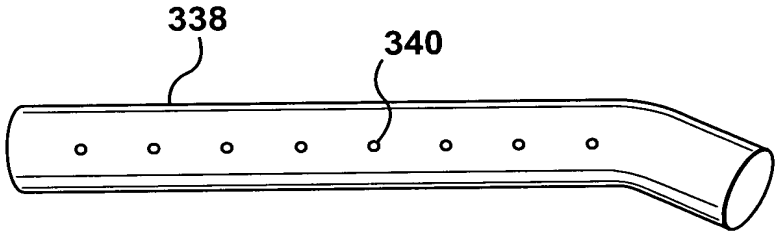

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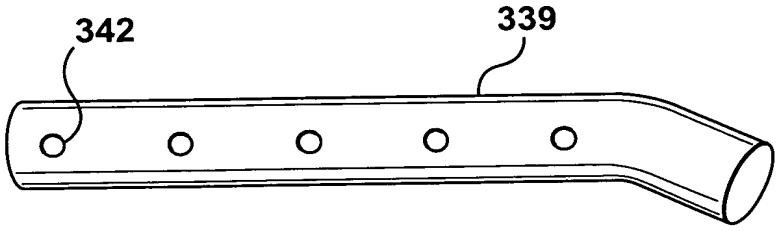

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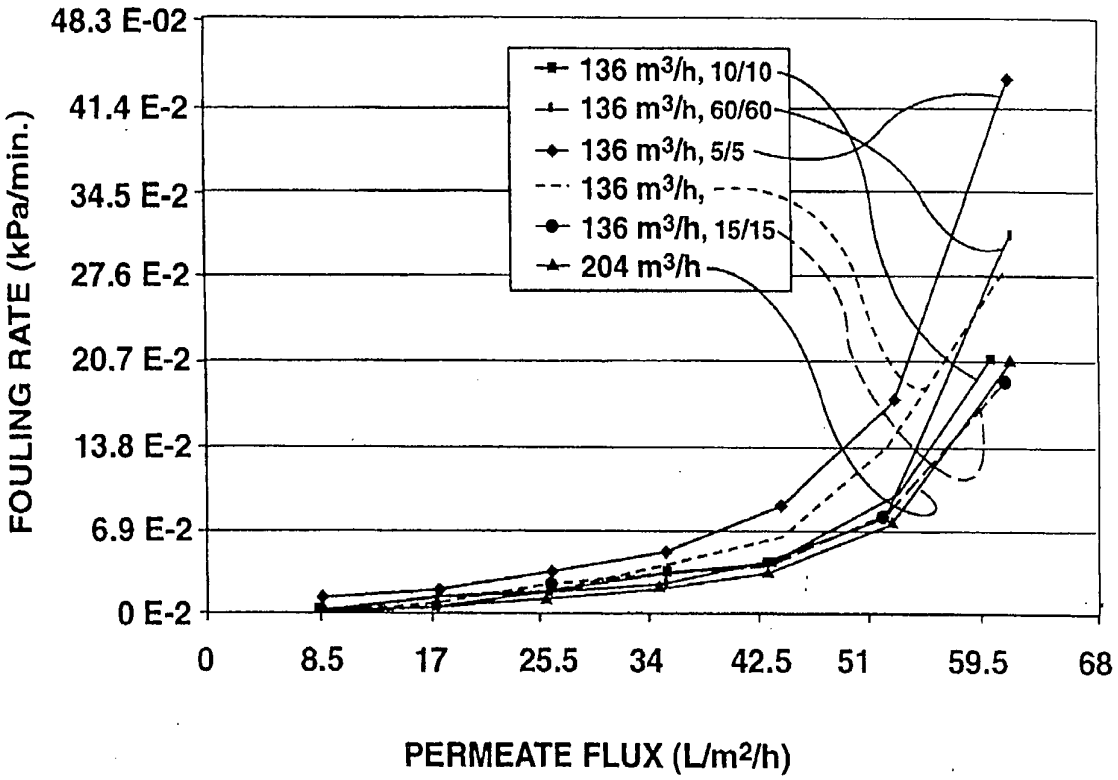
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34.5 E-2
27.6 E-2
20.7 E-2
13.8 E-2
6.9 E-2
0 E-2
FOULING RATE (kPa/min.)
136 m3/h, 10/10
136 m3/h, 60/60
136 m3/h, 5/5
136 m3/h,
136 m3/h, 15/15
204 m3/h
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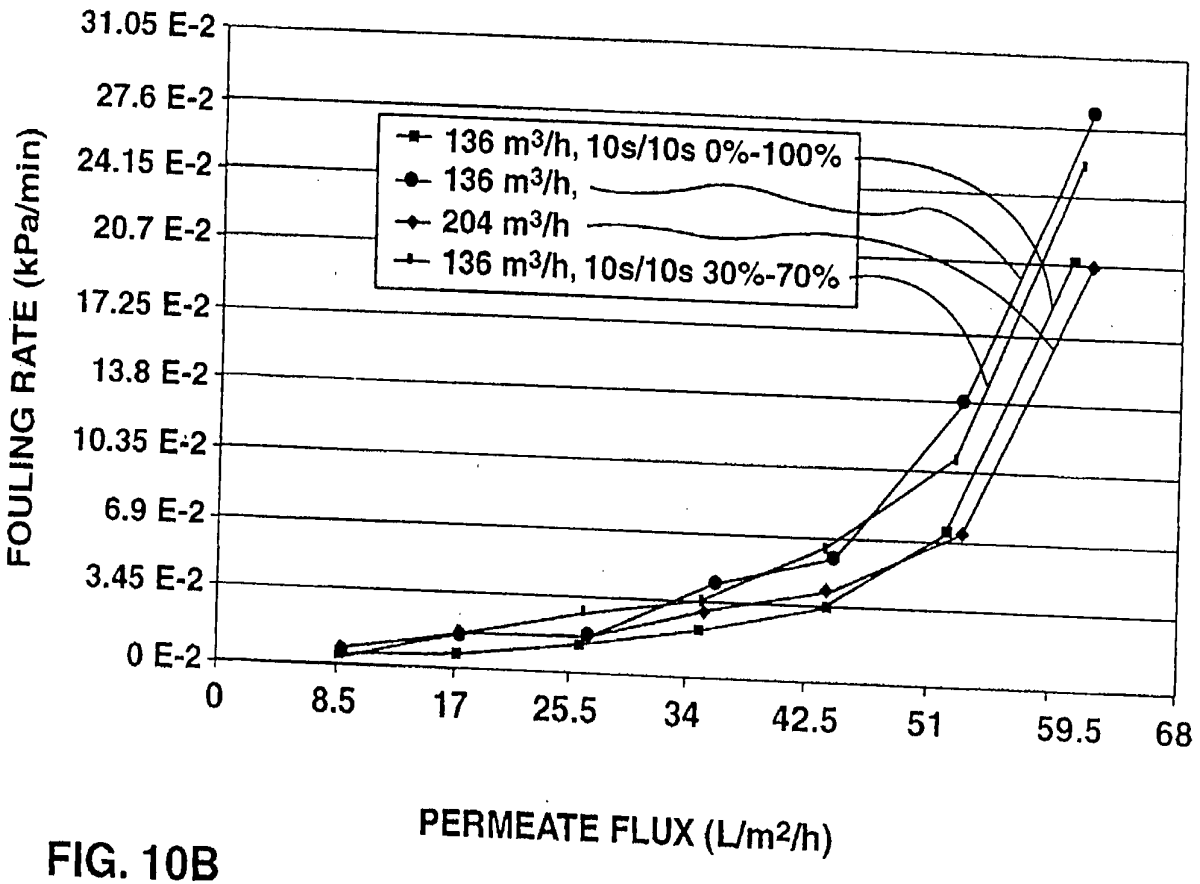
8.5
17
25.5
34
42.5
51
59.5
68
PERMEATE FLUX (L/m2/h)

FIG. 10A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27.6 E-2
24.15 E-2
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13.8 E-2
10.35 E-2
6.9 E-2
3.45 E-2
0 E-2
FOULING RATE (kPa/min)
136 m3/h, 10s/10s 0%-100%
136 m3/h,
204 m3/h
136 m3/h, 10s/10s 30%-70%
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17
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34
42.5
51
59.5
68
PERMEATE FLUX (L/m2/h)

FIG. 10B

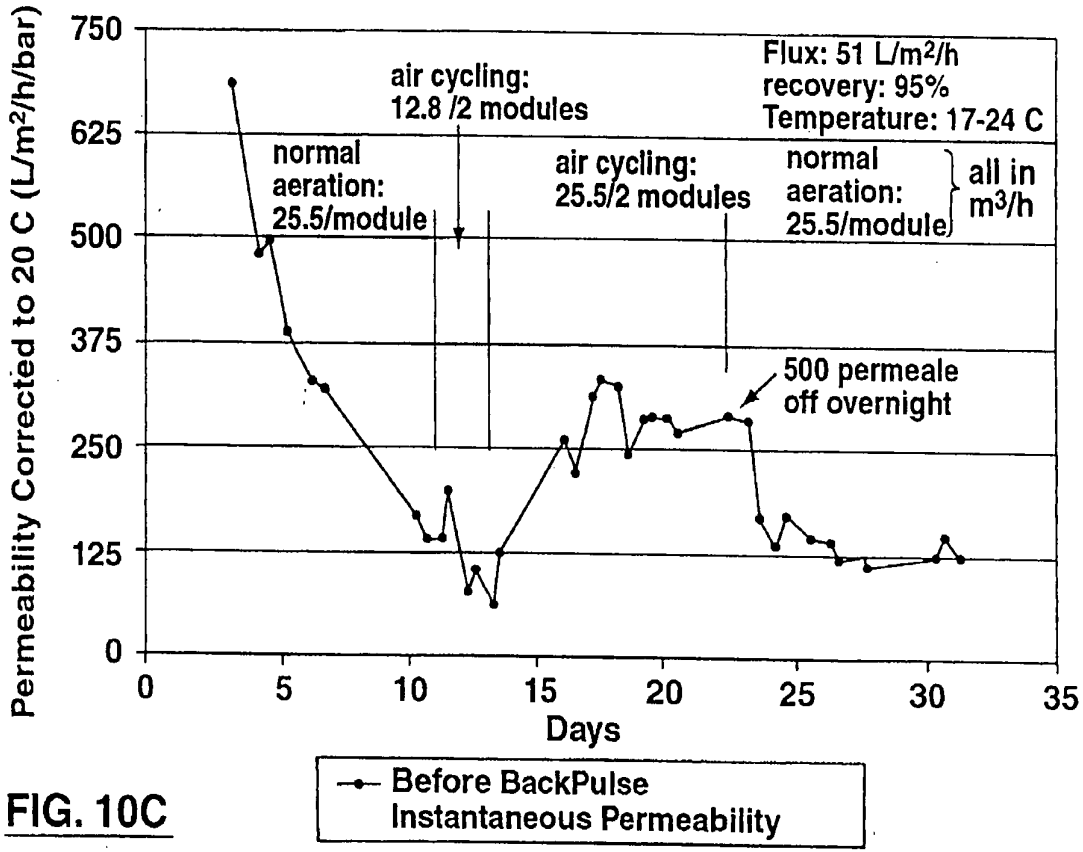
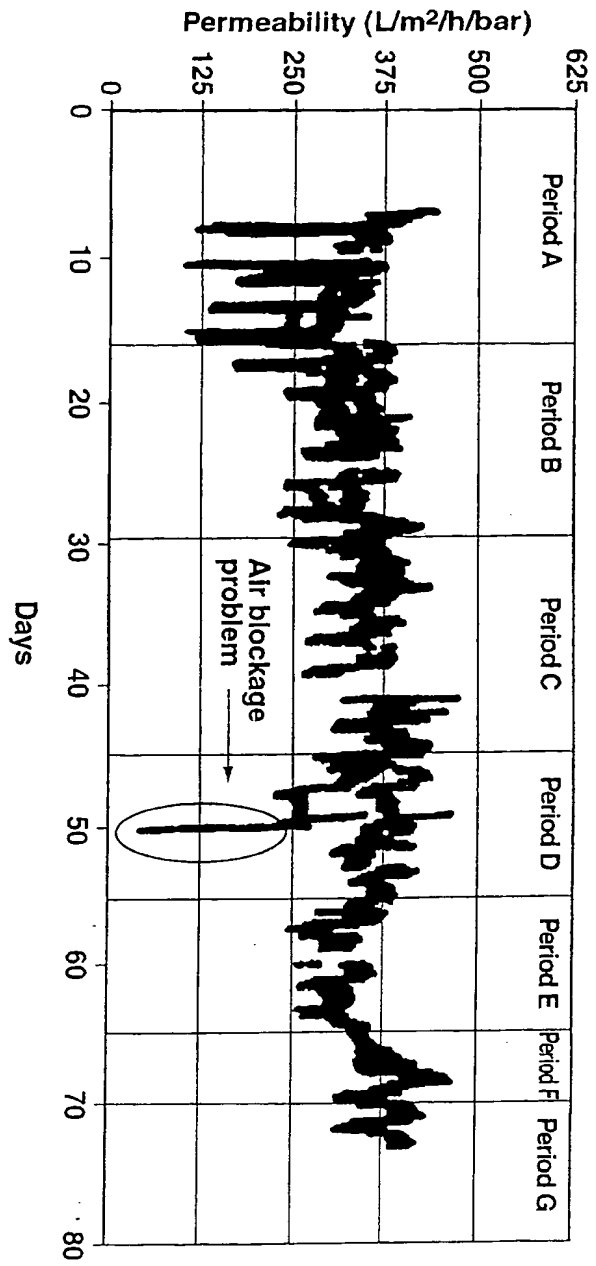

Permeability Corrected to 20 C (L/m²/h/bar)
750
625
500
375
250
125
0
0
5
10
15
20
25
30
35
Days
Flux: 51 L/m²/h
recovery: 95%
Temperature: 17-24 C
air cycling:
12.8 /2 modules
normal
aeration:
25.5/module
air cycling:
25.5/2 modules
normal
aeration:
25.5/module
all in
m³/h
500 permeale
off overnight
Before BackPulse
Instantaneous Permeability

FIG. 10C


Permeability (L/m2/h/bar)
0
125
250
375
500
625
0
10
20
30
40
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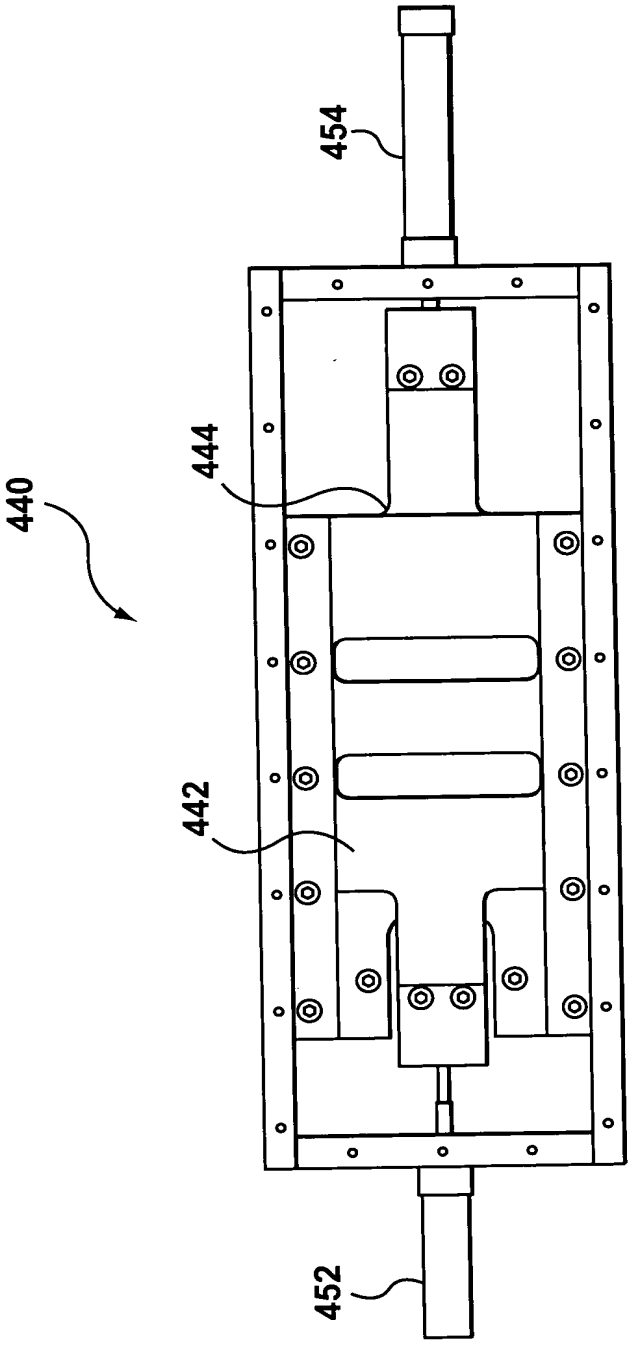
70
80
Days
Period A
Period B
Period C
Period D
Period E
Period F
Period G
Air blockage problem

FIG. 11



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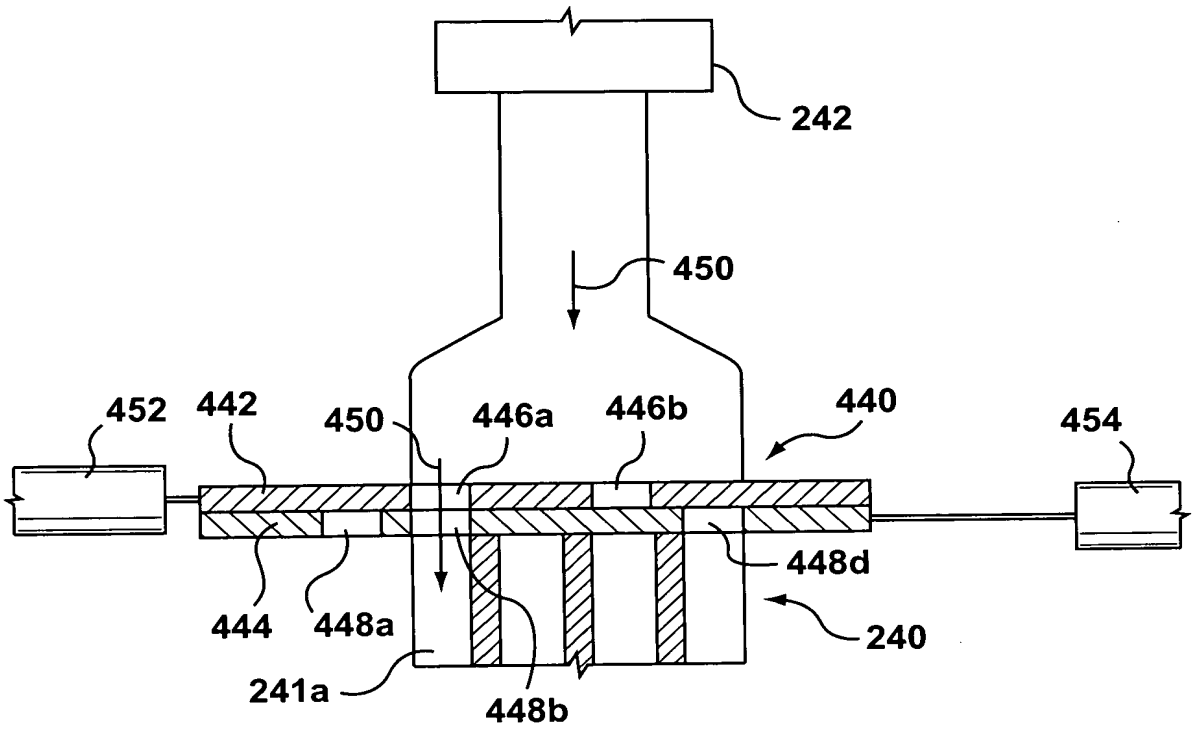

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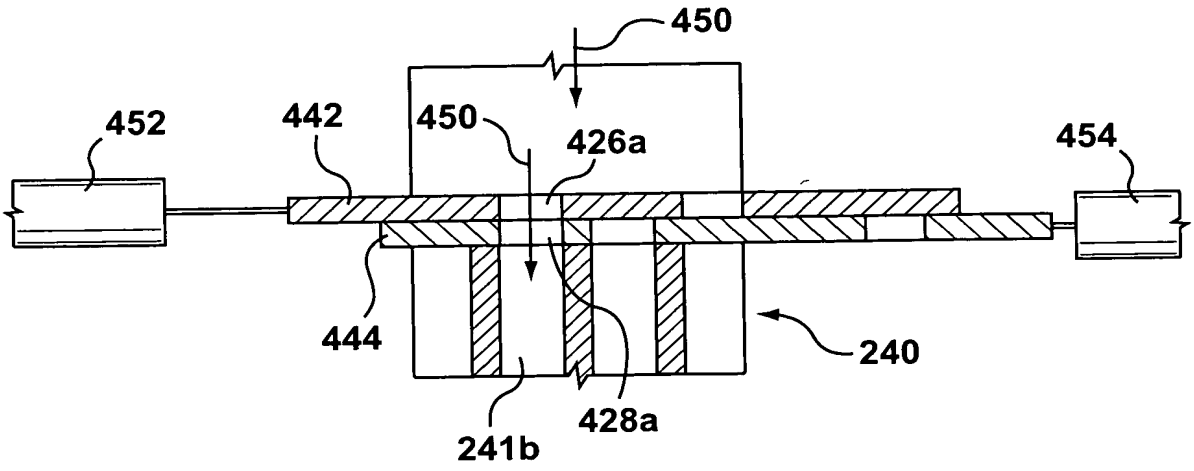

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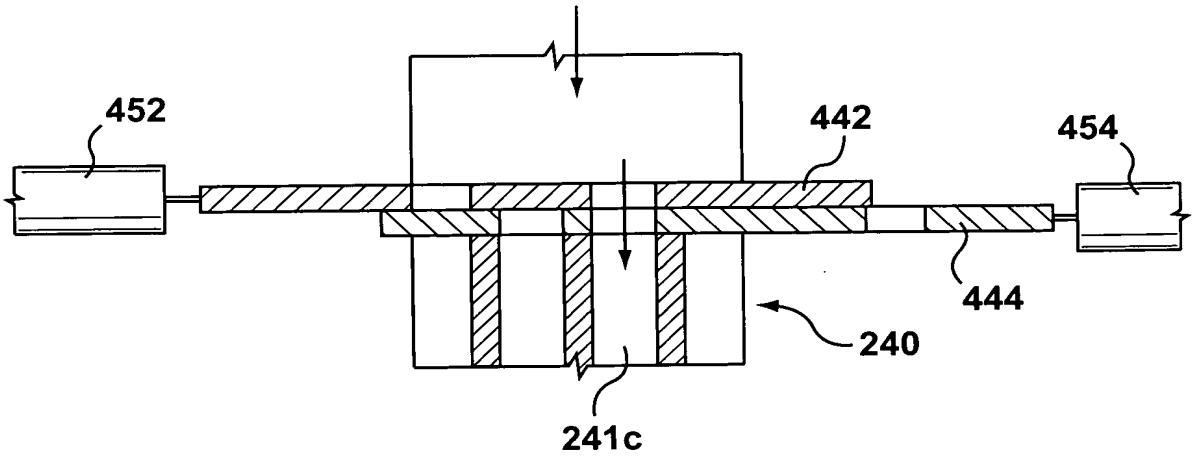

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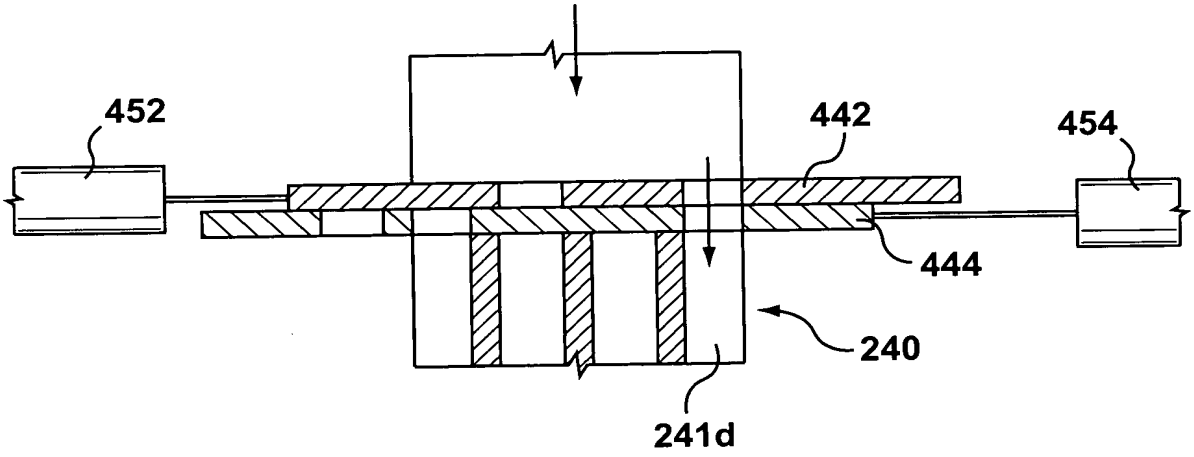

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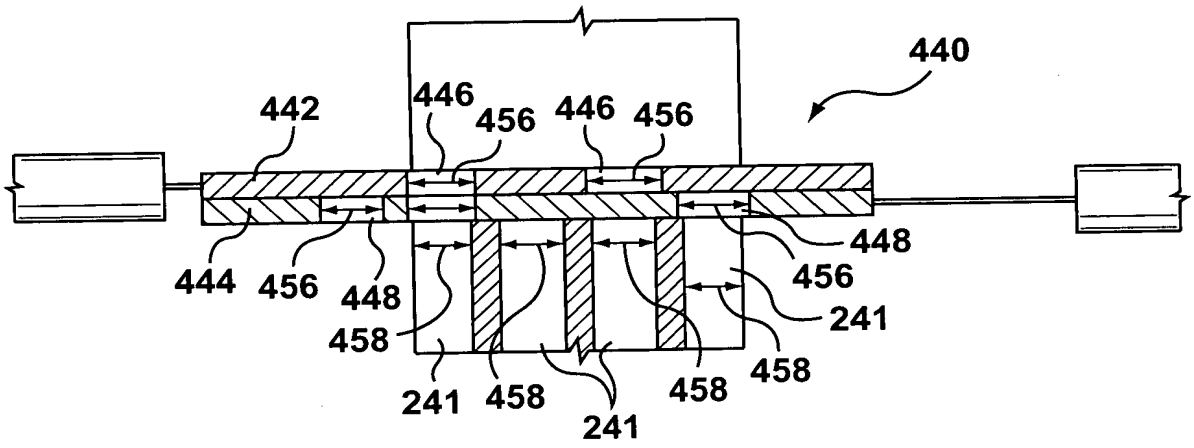
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FIG. 14